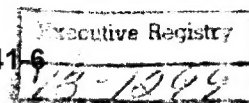


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Meeting with Chairman Mahon,
House Appropriations Committee

1. I accompanied the Director on a courtesy call to Chairman Mahon. Mr. Mahon was particularly interested in Arab terrorism about which he and the Director chatted for some minutes.
2. Turning to the intelligence community, the Director outlined his plans and concepts for readjustments within the community and the Agency. Mr. Mahon spoke of his high regard for Mr. Helms' outstanding objectivity and independence and remarked that Mr. Schlesinger's main challenge would be to preserve these qualities.
3. Mr. Mahon deplored the general disarray and lack of discipline and leadership in the Congress, some of which he attributed to the inaccessibility of the White House and lack of communication between the Republican leadership there and the Republicans in Congress.



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5. I told Mr. Mahon that we would be glad to talk to him at his convenience regarding his request that we try to find a qualified secretary in the Agency for his office. He said he would call me about this in the near future.

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